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******BREAKING NEWS******

Mexican Traffickers Down More Than Half a Billion Dollars in Record-Breaking 48 Hours

Two Unrelated Cases Pack a One-Two Punch against Cartels

March 21, 2007

The News:

Record Maritime Seizure off the Coast of Panama Yields \$300 Million of Cocaine

In a case announced today, the U.S. Coast Guard, as a result of joint DEA and Panamanian law enforcement information—made the largest maritime seizure of drugs the world has ever seen. On the high seas of the eastern Pacific bound for Mexico, we stopped the freighter *Gatun* before it could deliver 21 metric tons of cocaine—denying Mexican drug lords more than \$300 million in drug revenue.

[Click here for full story from www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov)

Record Cash Seizure Yields \$205 Million in Drug Money

Last week Mexican authorities seized an all-time record amount of drug cash from a chemical broker organization operating in Mexico. The group was trafficking chemicals used to make methamphetamine.

[Click here for DEA Administrator Karen Tandy's Statement on this Success](#)

The Photos:

Maritime Cocaine Seizure Case:

Want to see what over 700 bales of cocaine looks like? Note that minimal effort was taken to conceal the drugs – a unique aspect of this case. Although most traffickers conceal their poisons in loads of legitimate cargo or in

hidden compartments, this organization did none of that. They simply loaded bales of cocaine into cargo containers stored in plain view on the main deck of the freighter. [Click here to see for yourself.](#)

Money Seizure Case:

\$205 million dollars in cash isn't easy to hide, not even in a huge mansion. [Click here for a rare chance to see what a luxury home stuffed with cash looks like.](#)